

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9625–S9691

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1691–1694, S. Res. 279–280, and S. Con. Res. 40. **Page S9653**

Measures Reported:

S. 806, to provide for the establishment, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–77) **Page S9653**

Measures Passed:

Minority Party Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 279, making minority party appointments for certain committees for the 111th Congress. **Pages S9689–90**

Measures Considered:

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 290), Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2460, to support the participation of the Smithsonian Institution in activities under the Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009. **Pages S9634–35**

Barrasso Amendment No. 2471, to prohibit the use of wildland fire management stimulus funds in the District of Columbia. **Pages S9638–39**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 2494, to provide for an evaluation of the aquifers in the area of the Jungo Disposal Site in Humboldt County, Nevada. **Pages S9635–36, S9645**

Rejected:

By 27 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 291), McCain Amendment No. 2461, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds for the Des Moines Art Center in the State of Iowa. **Pages S9636–37, S9642, S9645–46**

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DeMint motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with DeMint Amendment No. 2500, relating to the Secretary of the Interior and water allocations. (By 61 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 292), Senate tabled the motion.)

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Pending:

Carper Amendment No. 2456, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.

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Collins Amendment No. 2498, to provide that no funds may be used for the administrative expenses of any official identified by the President to serve in a position without express statutory authorization and which is responsible for the interagency development or coordination of any rule, regulation, or policy unless the President certifies to Congress that such official will respond to all reasonable requests to testify before, or provide information to, any congressional committee with jurisdiction over such matters, and such official submits certain reports biannually to Congress. **Pages S9642–45**

Isakson Modified Amendment No. 2504, to encourage the participation of the Smithsonian Institution in activities preserving the papers and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., under the Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009. **Page S9645**

Vitter motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith with Vitter Amendment No. 2508 (to the instructions on Vitter motion to commit the bill), to prohibit the use of funds to delay the implementation of the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2010–2015. **Pages S9646–48**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 24, 2009. **Page S9690**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a

vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 24, 2009. **Page S9690**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, September 23, 2009. **Page S9690**

Appointments:

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed Senator Risch as a member of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. **Page S9690**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Carmen R. Nazario, of Puerto Rico, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

David C. Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Canada.

Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic, Energy, and Agricultural Affairs).

Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Norway. **Page S9691**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—292) **Pages S9635, S9646**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9691.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began consideration of an original bill entitled, America's Healthy Future Act of 2009, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

WMD PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Weapons of Mass Destruction Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2009, focusing on perimeter security at the nation's biosafety laboratories, including S. 1649, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using weapons of mass destruction, after receiving testimony from former Senators Bob Graham and Jim Talent, both of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism; and Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office.

SECURITY AND OVERSIGHT AT RESEARCH LABORATORIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine strengthening security and oversight at biological research laboratories, and to identify a single entity charged with periodic governmentwide strategic evaluation of high-containment laboratories that will determine the number, location, and mission of the Laboratories needed to effectively meet national goals to counter biotreats, after receiving testimony from former Senator Bob Graham, Chair, Commission for the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism; Daniel D. Roberts, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Jean D. Reed, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, and Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs;